

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A copper-based alloy ~~containing~~ comprising 5.0 to 10.0 wt% of Zn, at least 2.8 to 5.0 wt% of Sn, 0.4 to 3.0 wt% of Bi, and satisfying $0 < Se \leq 0.35$ wt% to enable securing prescribed machinability and wholesome ness of a casting and exalt mechanical properties thereof, and a balance of Cu and unavoidable impurities.
2. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The copper-based alloy according to claim 1, ~~wherein it contains the Se of~~ comprising 0.2 wt% or less of Se.
3. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The copper-based alloy according to claim 1, ~~wherein it contains the Sn in a range of~~ comprising 3.5 to 4.5 wt% of Sn.
4. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The copper-based alloy according to claim 1, ~~wherein it further satisfies~~ comprising $0 < P < 0.5$ wt%.
5. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The copper-based alloy according to claim 1, ~~wherein it further contains~~ comprising Ni of 3.0 wt% or less of Ni.
6. (Currently amended) A copper-based alloy ~~containing~~ comprising at least Sn, Bi and Se and containing at least one non-solid solution substance formed of an alternative component for Pb in an amount of 1.0 vol% or more to enable suppression of occurrence of a casting defect. 5.0 to 10.0 wt% of Zn, 2.8 to 5.0 wt% of Sn, 0.4 to 3.0 wt% of Bi, $0 \leq Se \leq 0.35$ wt%, and a balance of Cu and unavoidable impurities, and further comprising 1.20 to 4.90 vol% of at least one selected from the group consisting of a non-solid solution substance secured with Bi and a non-solid solution substance secured with Bi and Se.
7. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The copper-based alloy according to claim 6, ~~wherein it contains~~ comprising the at least one non-solid solution substance secured with Bi.

8. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The copper-based alloy according to claim 6, ~~wherein it contains~~ comprising the at least one non-solid solution substance secured with Bi and Se.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously presented) A cast ingot produced using the alloy according to claim 1 and a liquid-contacting part formed of the cast ingot.

11. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The copper-based alloy according to claim 2, ~~wherein it contains the Sn in a range of~~ comprising 3.5 to 4.5 wt% of Sn.

12. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The copper-based alloy according to claim 2, ~~wherein it further satisfies~~ comprising $0 < P < 0.5$ wt%.

13. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The copper-based alloy according to claim 3, ~~wherein it further satisfies~~ comprising $0 < P < 0.5$ wt%.

14. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The copper-based alloy according to claim 2, ~~wherein it further contains~~ comprising Ni of 3.0 wt% or less of Ni.

15. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The copper-based alloy according to claim 3, ~~wherein it further contains~~ comprising Ni of 3.0 wt% or less of Ni.

16. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The copper-based alloy according to claim 4, ~~wherein it further contains~~ comprising Ni of 3.0 wt% or less of Ni.

17-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously presented) A cast ingot produced using the alloy according to claim 2 and a liquid-contacting part formed of the cast ingot.

20. (Previously presented) A cast ingot produced using the alloy according to claim 3 and a liquid-contacting part formed of the cast ingot.

21. (Previously presented) A cast ingot produced using the alloy according to claim 4 and a liquid-contacting part formed of the cast ingot.

22. (Previously presented) A cast ingot produced using the alloy according to claim 5 and a liquid-contacting part formed of the cast ingot.

23. (Previously presented) A cast ingot produced using the alloy according to claim 6 and a liquid-contacting part formed of the cast ingot.

24. (Previously presented) A cast ingot produced using the alloy according to claim 7 and a liquid-contacting part formed of the cast ingot.

25. (Previously presented) A cast ingot produced using the alloy according to claim 8 and a liquid-contacting part formed of the cast ingot.

26. (Cancelled)